a problem and the Secretariat and we are taking up the matter. That is the reason why we have to make the correction and supply an erratum. Now, Question No. 226. Shri Mentay Padmanabham.

Tribal development projects in Andhra Pradesh

*226. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that funds for the Tribal Development Projects are not spent properly due to lack of proper administrative machinery in tribal blocks;

(b) whether Government are also aware that many ITDA blocks in Andhra Pradesh are functioning without a regular Block Development Officer or Mandal Development Officer;

(c) if so, whether any report has been sought from the Government of Andhra Pradesh on the reasons why ITDA blocks with tribal population do not have regular Mandal Development Officers; and

(d) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure proper and clean administration in ITDA blocks in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government is aware that some ITDA Blocks in Andhra Pradesh are functioning without regular BDOs or Mandal Development Officers.

(c) There are now 492 vacancies of Mandal Decelopment Officers in the State as no recruitment has taken place recently.

(d) Other officers of ITDA Blocks have been kept in additional charge of the Mandals, where there are no regular Mandal Development Officers.

Steps are being taken to post regular Mandal Development Officers.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, the answer given by the honourable Minister is self-contradictory in the first place. The main thrust of the Question is that the funds allocated for tribal development are not being spent properly and they are not reaching the people for whom they are intended. For that the Minister's reply is "No." That means that, in his opinion, the funds allocated for tribal development are not spent in the most fruitful way. Then, in answer to parts (b) and (c) of my question, he says that there are now 492 vacancies of Mandal Development Officers in Andhra Pradesh. This is the situation in all the States of the country because the SC/ST Welfare Committee had gone into this matteh and stated that in almost all the States the tribal welfare development project's were not being implemented and they were not properly being manned by trained people. This is the situation all over the country, now. I would particularly like to know from the honourable Minister as to how many Tribal Development Block are there in Andhra Pradesh and how many vacancies are being filled. I would like to know out of the 492 vaconcies that he has mentioned how many are being filled and how many are not being filled.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: With regard to the ITDA blocks and with regard to tribal development in the country, our Government is doing the best to the satisfaction of the tribal population of the country. With regard to Andhra Pradesh, there are 52 Mandals out of which 24 mandals dot not have regular MDO's Steps are being taken to post regular MDOs. But there is no lacuna in the implementation of the programmes. There are other officers Special Officers, who are there, known as Project Officers, and who are looking after the projects. The Project Officers are looking after the implementiation of the programmes very effectively. There is no lacuna in that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You put your second supplementary.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, this again is a misleading answer given by the Minister. These Project Officers are being made in charge of places where there are no MDOs and some other junior officer is made in charge of that Mandal where there is no regularly appointed MDO. According to the Minister's statement itself, out of the 52 blocks, half of them are not being entrusted to any regular officers. There is rampant corruption at the gound level in implementing the various schemes. The problem is that the schemes identified by the Union Government for implementation in the tribal areas are also defective and are such that they cannot be implemented without there being any misappropriation at the ground level. For example, there is a scheme to give cattle to the tribal people. The money allocated for buying cattle and handing them over to the tribal people is there and there is a lot of corruption in this. There are no cattles and they are there only on paper. But on record they are being bought by the officers! And it is shown in the papers as being given to a tribal family. But no cattle is there, no cattle was born. And corruption is rampant in various schemes identified by the Government. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether they have made any mid-term appraisal with regard to its implementation, and whether the Government is going to review the various schemes now identified for implementation in the tribal areas.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: With regard to Andhra Pradesh, the tribal population constitutes about 6.31 per cent. The total tribal population in Andhra Pradesh is 41.99 lakhs. There is a tribal sub-plan approach programme made by the Government of India, and we are implementing that programme. In Andhra Pradesh, Madam, eight integrated tribal development agencies are working. And in 41 pockets, the modified area development approach programme is also being implemented. 17 Clusters have been identified in the State. In addition to that, 12 primitive tribal groups have also been identified in the State. Then there are 33 tribal groups in the State. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: My question is whether the Government is reviewing the schemes...

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: You just listen. You said that we are not doing anything for the tribal...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: I am talking about corruption at the ground level. That is one. (*Interruptions*) Secondly, are you going to review the schemes already in existence?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Padmanabham, please. This is not the way. You were asking a question. The Minister was listening to you. I think, it is proper for you to listen to him.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, he is not replying to the question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me hear.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: He is reading out something which is given to him by his officers. What is the use of it?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: You are also reading out what some people have given. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. G. SWELL: Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swell, please take your seat. I have your name here.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Madam, there is no corruption or any irregularities taking place in Andhra Pradesh as mentioned by the hon. Member. With regard to the appointment of regular BDOs and MDOs from 1988 onwards these rests are lying vacant After the Seventy-third Amendment to the constitution, we could not do it because the Andhra Pradesh

Government is re-organising the whole set-up of Panchayati Raj. After the finalisation of the Panchayati Raj system only, we can fill the vacancies which are now relevant today. And if you say we are not doing, it is not our fault. Your Government also was there. It is there pending from 1988. And they could not blame the Congress Government... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: In 1989, it was not our Government (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister answer what he did from 1988 to 1992? It doesn't matter what Government was there.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: From that period we are continuously and progressively doing our best to implement the projects, and there is no lacuna, no problem...
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Your Government came in 1989. What have you been doing from 1989 onwards? You just tell us what you have been doing.
(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order. I would not permit this kind of thing. Let him answer.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: He cannot answer this question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is answering.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: There must be a provision for counter-questioning him. He says there is no lacuna.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have your name. You can counter-question him when I call you.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: With regard to Andhra... (*Interruptions*)... Andhra Pradesh is one of the pioneering States which are implementing the ITDA programmes with regard to tribals. And this model is implemented all over the country. This is also a fact. And Andhra Pradesh is implementing it in total. There is no irregularity. I want to state this very clearly to the hon. Member. And whatever misconception he has, that is wrong.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Md. Salim.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will call you. I have your name. Ask a brief question and get a brief answer so that I can call others.

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, I appreciate the courage and the basic honesty of the Minister. At the very first stage, in answer to part (a) he said, yes and no. As far as part (a) is concerned, it consists of two parts. And, I think, the basic answer to part (a) is yes, that is, rampant corruption is there. And then the questioner himself very subtlely put it. He had asked whether it was due to lack of proper administrative machinery in tribal blocks. The answer is 'No'.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The answer is only 'No'.

SHRI MD. SALIM: No Government is going to accept fault on its part.

Actually, Madam, rampant corruption is there in the case of these integrated tribal development projects whether proper officers are there or not there. Therefore, he should not go back on what he has said in the answer, in the first place. He has accepted that there are so many posts of Mandal Development Officers which are lying vacant.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Since 1988.

SHRI MD. SALIM: He says that there are no lacunae. It is self-contradictory.

They are not very much interested in implementing these programmes. As my friend, Mr. Padmanabham, has said, these are paper cattles. Like paper tigers, these are paper projects. They are just doling out the funds. This was accpeted even by the late Prime Minister that only 10-15 per cent of what was sanctioned reached the ground level. Therefore, my question is, would the Minister continue giving certificates to the corrupt officers, or, would he take appropriate steps, prompt steps, to see that the corrupt officers are removed and proper officers are posted?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Madam, wherever corrupt practices are there, we never allow those officers to continue. If there are any specific instances where the hon. Member has any apprehension, he can give it to me and I will take immediate action. There is no doubt about it.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Why have you not taken action?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: You have not given any specific instances.

Madam, we have a regular monitoring system. In regard to the T.S.P., we are monitoring it every three months both at the Central level and at the State level. We are monioring it every three months so that there are no lacunae from our side. He is trying to mislead the House. I want to say categorically that these programmes are not misused by anybody. If anybody had been misusing, we have taken action in the past. If the past. If the hon. Member has any instance in mind, he can say it openly, or, he can give it in writing and I will take immediate action.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I am willing to accept the hon. Minister's statement if he says that there are no lacunae and that they are monitoring it every three months. Would the hon. Minister put my mind at peace by giving me the total amount which has been allocated for this project and the total number of beneficries? How many persons have cattles in their home?

Madam, I am deeply impressed by the capability of the Minister and his department that in spite of 492 vacancies of Mandal Development Officers in 55 blocks, they have been competent to organise this with the help of lower-level projects officers and that they are executing it without any lacunae. Anyway, I would like the hon. Minister to answer my question.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: I can give the Plan-wise figures.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I want to know the amount which has been allocated and the total number of persons who have been benefited under this programme now.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: What about milk production?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Madam, in the Sixth Plan, for the T.S.P., the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 129.46 crores, i.e. 4.5 per cent. In the Seventh Plan, out of Rs. 5,983 crores, the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 248.72 crores, i.e. 4.1 per cent. During the year 1990-91, a sum of Rs. 82 crores was allocated i.e. 6.23 per cent. For this year, i.e. 1993-94, out of the total allocation of Rs. 1,851 crores, the allocation to Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 86.44 crores, i.e. 4.67 per cent.

I am very happy to say here that Andhra Pradesn is the pioneering State in this endeavour. They are doing their best.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: How many people are benefited?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: I am coming to that. Why can't you wait?

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I cannot wait. (Interruptions)

(SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Under the twenty-point programme, against the target of 90,000 families under the poverty alleviation programme; during 1992-93, the coverage was 99,760 families. During 1993-94 the target was 96,000 families. We have achieved, till October, 62,780 families. This is the highest achievement we have made. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: How can you clap? ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: All these figures are cooked up. They are supplied by the corrupt officers at the ground level.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: You have no done anything. We have done a good thing. That's why you are afraid.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

Conversion of automatic operation system into manual system at Rourkela Steel Plant

*221. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the second captive power plant of Rourkela Steel Plant, the total Automatic Operation System has been converted into a manual system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSHI MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय महिला कोष का संचालन-मंडल

*225. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय महिला कोष के प्रथम संचालन-मंडल का गठन किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कोष के मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या हैं और इस कोष को सरकार ने कितनी वार्षिक धनराशि आवंटित की है ;

(ग) इस कोष का कार्यकाल कितना है और क्या इस कोष के संचालन-मंडल के सदस्यों का चुनाव हर साल होगा; और

(घ) संचालन-मंडल में वर्तमान वर्ष के लिए नियुक्त सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय महिला कोष के प्रथम शासी बोर्ड का गठन कर दिया है।

(ख) कोष के उद्देश्य विवरण-1 के रूप में संलग्न हैं। सरकार ने वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान सहायता अनुदान के रूप में कोष के लिए 31 करोड़ रु० की कोरपस धनराशि संस्वीकृत और वितरित की है। चालू वर्ष के दौरान, कोष का लक्ष्य 8 करोड़ रु० ऋण के रूप में देना है।

(ग) और (घ) यह कोष एक स्थायी निकाय है, जो कि सोसाइटीज पंजीकरण अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत पंजीकृत है। कोष का प्रबंधन 15 सदस्यों वाले एक शासी बोर्ड द्वारा किया जायेगा। महिला एवं बाल विकास राज्य मंत्री कोष की पदेन अध्यक्षा हैं जबकि केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों और विभागों के पांच अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारी उसके पदेन सदस्य हैं। शासी बोर्ड के सात गैर-सरकारी सदस्यों का कार्यकाल सामान्यतः